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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 6, 18.

Kindly amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated or substantially pure form of a nucleic acid molecule encoding a human $5-\mathrm{HT_{4}}_{(h)}$ receptor wherein the nucleic acid is capable of hybridising to the